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Man Arrested for Forgery in Real Estate Fraud Scheme – Search Warrant Seizes Methamphetamine

San Bernardino, CA - Investigators from the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit arrested Jack Nakamoto, 38, of Cathedral City on Friday, August 29, 2006. Nakamoto was arrested at his residence in the 68000 block of Marina Road, Cathedral City, CA. Cathedral City Police Officers assisted in the arrest and search warrant service of the residence. Nakamoto was arrested for forgery and filing forged documents with the County Recorder's Office, all felonies.

In March 2005, Nakamoto allegedly forged the victim's name on a Grant Deed transferring real estate property to himself. The property was located in the Twenty-nine Palms area of San Bernardino County. The Grant Deed was notarized in March 2005, allegedly containing the victim's signature. However, the victim had died approximately two years prior. Subsequently, Nakamoto transferred the property to another person in June 2005.

During the search warrant service of Nakamoto's residence, a large quantity of Methamphetamine, suspected pseudo ephedrine along with packaging material, was discovered and seized. A .32 caliber handgun was also seized. Detectives from the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement (BNE) Task Force responded to the residence and handled the narcotics portion of the investigation.

Nakamoto was booked into the Riverside County Sheriff's Indio Jail for Real Estate related fraud charges and for Possession for Sales of Methamphetamine. Suspect Nakamoto's bail was set at \$270,000.